

Budget justification

Tuition:

The base tuition of \$ \$52,000.00 is as per the official offer letter from the University of Michigan. This covers the cost of attending classes and accessing university resources. The estimated costs for textbooks and course materials are based on the University of Michigan's website. These items are crucial for academic success and participation in coursework.

Food & Lodging:

A monthly budget of \$400 for groceries is allocated based on the estimated cost of living in Ann Arbor, Michigan. This includes the cost of food, toiletries, and household supplies.

The estimated monthly rent of \$1,100 is based on average rental prices for student housing in Ann Arbor. A security deposit of \$1,650 is included. Utilities costs are estimated at \$150 per month, covering expenses such as electricity, heating, water, and internet. A monthly cellular phone plan of \$80 is estimated based on standard Verizon plans. The estimated cost of health and dental insurance is based on the University of Michigan's website. A budget of \$500 is allocated for winter clothing, including a coat, boots, hats, and gloves, as these items are essential for staying warm in the Michigan climate, calculated based on previous student experiences.

Travel:

Airfare: The estimated cost of airfare from Nairobi to Detroit and back is based on current flight prices. The estimated cost of the F1 international student visa is based on government fees from the U.S. Dept. of State.

Other Sources of Funding: While the base tuition is covered by the University of Michigan, I am requesting \$12,068 from your foundation to supplement the remaining costs of my education as detailed above. I have also secured \$67,560 from the University of Michigan to contribute towards my tuition and living expenses.

Sustainability of Funding: The funds from the foundation and the University of Michigan will cover my expenses for the first year of my studies. I am actively exploring additional funding opportunities, such as research assistantships, teaching assistantships, and scholarships, to ensure the sustainability of my funding in future years. I am confident in my ability to secure these additional funds based on my academic performance and involvement in campus activities.